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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Communication (Paper No. 18), dated November 27, 2002, please further amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Delete the paragraph on page 22, lines 22-24 and replace it with the following:

E1  
Figures 4A-4L - show the complete listing of the R. corallina ohp operon as described in Example 7 (SEQ ID No. 1 - top strand; SEQ ID No. 2 - bottom strand). It includes a portion of a putative nitropropane promoter (5' of the regulator; amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID No. 3).

Delete Example 6, at page 29, line 13 through page 30, line 22 and replace it with the following:

Example 6: Hybridisation screening for novel promoters and/or operon proteins

E2  
The test sample (host cells) are contacted with a nucleic acid molecule probe (preferably around 100 nucleotides